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During the last year, Cornucopia Farms, a non-profit garden and community service agency, has re-established a community farmers market held every Sunday at the County's Malibu Civic Center. This non-profit farmers market provides locally grown organic home-farmed fruits and vegetables to the residents of Malibu and the surrounding County area. Proceeds from the Market are used to fund community projects such as teaching and demonstrating resource conservation as well as programs and opportunities for the Malibu community to participate in gardening, composting, and sustainable agriculture.

Cornucopia Farms is part of the time-tested tradition of farmers markets throughout the county, many of which take years, if not decades to establish break-even, then profitable, operations. Because farmers markets are such a value to their communities, they are often supported by local jurisdictions.

The County charges a flat $175 per-use permit fee for the use of the County's parking lot at the Malibu Civic Center. The Cornucopia Farms managed farmers market,

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as evidenced by last year's community support, has now re-established itself as a viable operation after many years of absence from the Malibu area. Consideration should be given to continuing to waive the fee during the market's second year of operation.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors authorize the use of the Malibu Civic Center parking lot, via a negotiated County contract, for a weekly Sunday farmers market being organized by Cornucopia Farms, a non-profit community-based organization, and that the $175 per-event fee be waived, excluding the cost of security and liability insurance, for a period of one year, starting April 25, 2011 to April, 2012, when the lease will be reviewed and the fee waiver re-evaluated.

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